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The TATLER.

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—— *Timeo Danaos & Dona ferentes.* Virg.

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THERE are ſome Occaſions in Life, wherein Regards to a Man's ſelf is the moſt pitiful and contemptible of all Paſſions; and ſuch a Time certainly is, when the true publick Spirit of a Nation is run into a Faction againſt their Friends and Benefactors. I have hinted heretofore ſome Things which diſcover the real Sorrow I am in, at the Obſervation that it is now very much ſo in *Great Britain*; and have had the Honour to be pelted with ſeveral Epiſtles, to expoſtulate with me on that Subject. Among others, one from a Perſon of the Number of thoſe they call Quakers, who ſeems to admoniſh me out of pure Zeal and good Will: But as there is no Character ſo unjuſt as that of talking in Party on all Occaſions, without Reſpect to Merit or Worth on the contrary Side; ſo there is no Part we can act ſo juſtifyable as to ſpeak our Mind when we ſee Things urged to Extremity, againſt all that is Praiſeworthy or valuable in Life, upon general and groundleſs Suggeſtions. But if I have talked too frankly upon ſuch Reflections, my Correſpondent has laid before me, after his Way, the Error of it, in a Manner that makes me indeed thankful for his Kindneſs; but the more inclinable to repeat the Imprudence, from the Neceſſity of the Circumſtance.

The 23d of the 6th Month, which is the Month June.

Friend *Iſaac*,

'FOraſmuch as I love thee, I cannot any longer refrain declaring my Mind unto thee 'concerning ſome Things. Thou didſt thy ſelf 'indite the Epiſtle inſerted in one of thy late Lucubrations, as thou wouldſt have us call them: 'For verily thy Friend of Stone, and I ſpeak according to Knowledge, hath no Fingers; and 'tho' he hath a Mouth, yet ſpeaketh he not therewith: Nor yet did that Epiſtle at all come unto 'thee from the Manſion Houſe of the Scarlet 'Whore. It is plain therefore, that the Truth is 'not in thee: But ſince thou wouldſt lye, couldſt 'thou not lye with more Diſcretion? Wherefore 'ſhouldſt thou inſult over the Afflicted, or add 'Sorrow unto the Heavy of Heart? Truly this 'Gall proceedeth not from the Spirit of Meekneſs. 'I tell thee moreover, the People of this Land be 'marvellouſly given to Change; inſomuch that it 'may lightly come to paſs, that before thou art 'many Years nearer to thy Diſſolution, thou 'mayſt behold him ſitting on a high Place, whom 'thou now laugheſt to Scorn: And then how 'wilt thou be glad to humble thy ſelf to the 'Ground, and lick the Duſt of his Feet, that thou 'mayſt find Favour in his Sight? If thou didſt 'meditate as much upon the Word, as thou doſt 'upon the prophane Scriblings of the wiſe Ones 'of this Generation, thou wouldſt have remembered what happened unto *Shimei*, the Son of *Gera*, the *Benjamite*, who curſed the good Man *David* in his Diſtreſs. *David* pardoned his Tranſgreſſion, yet was he afterwards taken as in a Snare 'by the Words of his own Mouth, and fell by 'the Sword of *Solomon* the Chief Ruler. Furthermore, I do not remember to have heard in the 'Days of my Youth and Vanity, when, like thine, 'my Converſation was with the Gentiles, that the 'Men of *Rome*, which is *Babylon*, ever ſued unto 'the Men of *Carthage* for Tranquility, as thou doſt 'aver: Neither was *Hannibal*, the Son of *Hamilcar*, call'd Home by his Countrymen, till theſe 'ſaw the Sword of their Enemies at their Gates; 'And then was it not Time for him thinkeſt thou 'to return? It appeareth therefore, that thou doſt 'prophecy backwards; thou doſt row one Way 'and look another: And indeed in all Things art 'thou too much a Time-Server, yet ſeemeſt thou 'not to conſider what a Day may bring forth. 'Think of this, and take Tobacco.

Thy Friend,

Aminadab.

If the zealous Writer of the above Letter has any Meaning, it is of too high a Nature to be the Subject of my Lucubrations. I ſhall therefore wave ſuch high Points, and be as uſeful as I can to Perſons of leſs Moment than any he hints at. When a Man runs into a little Fame in the World, as he meets with a great deal of Reproach which he does not deſerve, ſo does he alſo a great deal of Eſteem to which he has, in himſelf, no Pretenſions. Were it otherwiſe, I am ſure no one would offer to put a Law-Caſe to me; but becauſe I am an Adept in Phyſick and Aſtrology, they will needs perſuade me I am no leſs a proficient in all other Sciences. However, the Point mentioned in the following Letter is ſo plain a one, that, I think, I need not trouble my ſelf to caſt a Figure to be able to diſcuſs it.

Mr. *Bickerſtaff*,

'IT is ſome Years ago ſince the Entail of the Eſtate of our Family was altered, by paſſing 'a Fine in Favour of me (who now am in Poſſeſſion

‘ ſeſſion of it, after ſome others deceaſed. The ‘ Heirs General, who live beyond Sea, were exclu- ‘ ded by this Settlement, and the whole Eſtate is to ‘ paſs in a new Channel after me and my Heirs. ‘ But ſeveral Tenants of the Lordſhip perſuade me, ‘ to let them hereafter hold their Lands of me ac- ‘ cording to the old Cuſtoms of the Barony, and ‘ not oblige them to act by the Limitations of the ‘ laſt Settlement. This, they ſay, will make me ‘ more popular among my Dependants, and the ‘ antient Vaſſals of the Eſtate, to whom any Devia- ‘ tion from the Line of Succeſſion is always invi- ‘ dious.

Yours, &c

SIR, *Sheer-lane, June* 24.

‘ YOU have by the Fine a plain Right, in which ‘ none elſe of your Family can be your Com- ‘ petitor; for which Reaſon, by all Means, demand ‘ Vaſſalage upon that Title. The contrary Advice ‘ can be given for no other Purpoſe in Nature but ‘ to betray you, and favour other Pretenders, by ‘ making you place a Right which is in you only, ‘ upon a Level with a Right which you have in ‘ common with others. I am,

SIR,

Your moſt faithful

Servant till Death,

I. B.

There is nothing ſo dangerous or ſo pleaſing as Compliments made to us by our Enemies; and my Correſpondent tells me, that tho' he knows ſeveral of thoſe who give him this Counſel, were at firſt againſt paſſing the Fine in Favour of him, yet is he ſo touched with their Homage to him, that he can hardly believe they have a Mind to ſet it aſide, in order to introduce the Heirs General into his Eſtate.

Theſe are great Evils; but ſince there is no Proceeding with Succeſs in this World without complying with the Arts of it, I ſhall uſe the ſame Method as my Correſpondent's Tenants did with him, in relation to one whom I never had a Kindneſs for, but ſhall notwithſtanding preſume to give him my Advice.

Iſaac Bickerſtaff *Eſq*, *of* Great Britain, *to* Lewis *the* XIV. *of* France.

SIR,

‘ YOur Majeſty will pardon me, while I take the ‘ Liberty to acquaint you, That ſome Paſſa- ‘ ges written from your Side of the Water do very ‘ much obſtruct your Intereſts. We take it very ‘ unkindly, that the Prints of *Paris* are ſo very ‘ partial in Favour of one Set of Men among us, ‘ and treat the others as irreconcilable to your In- ‘ tereſts. Your Writers are very large in recount- ‘ ing any Thing which relates to the Figure and ‘ Power of one Party, but are dumb when they ‘ ſhould repreſent the Actions of the other. This ‘ is a trifling Circumference many here are apt to ‘ lay ſome Streſs upon; therefore I thought fit to ‘ offer it to your Conſideration before you diſpatch ‘ the next Courier.

I. B.

Advertiſements.

MEn's and Women's Morning Gowns, of Silk, Stuffs, and Callico's (being the Goods of Perſons that failed) which were to be diſpoſed of at the Olive-Tree and Still, are now to be ſold at the Golden Sugar-Loaf up one Pair of Stairs, over-againſt the Horſe at Charing-Croſs; with a freſh Parcel at very low Rates, the Price being ſet on each Gown.

FOR Sale by the Candle, on Thurſday the 29th Inſtant, at Lloyd's Coffee-houſe in Lombard-ſtreet, at Four in the Afternoon, 48 Pipes and 12 Hhds. (only one Cask in a Lot) of new excellent Red Ribadavia Galicia Wine, near, and lately imported from Vigo, in a Vault over-againſt the Church in Mark-lane, between Fenchurch-ſtreet and Tower-ſtreet. To be ſeen and taſted this Day and to Morrow from 7 to 1, and from 2 to 7, and all Thurſday till the Hour of Sale. To be ſold by T. Tomkins, Broker, in Crutched-Friars.

FRancis Burton, Milliner, is removed from the New Exchange in the Strand to the Three Stags Heads in Bedford-ſtreet, in Covent-Garden.

ON Thurſday next, the 29th Inſtant, at Tom's Coffee-houſe in St. Martin's-lane in the Strand, at Four a Clock preciſely, are 20 Hhds. of extraordinary good new French Clarets to be ſold; lately landed, and put up at 20 l. per Hhd. To be ſeen and taſted, this Day, to Morrow, and all Thurſday till the Hour of Sale, under the Tennis Court in St. James's near the Haymarket.

*** A ſmall Parcel of curious Books, moſt of them relating to the Antiquities, Temples, Churches, Palaces, Fountains, and Views of Rome, &c. collected by a Perſon of Quality, lately deceaſed, very fair, and very neatly bound, will be ſold by Auction, at the Coffee-houſe in the little Piazza in Covent-Garden, to Morrow the 28th Inſtant. Catalogues may be had at Mr. Cooper's, Print-ſeller, in Bedford-ſtreet, and at the ſaid Coffee-houſe; where the Books may be viewed.

*** Yeſterday was publiſh'd for the Month of June, Bibliotheca Anatomica, Medica, Chirurgica, &c. containing a Deſcription of all the ſeveral Parts of the Body; each done by one or more eminent Phyſician or Chirurgeon, with their Diſeaſes and Cures. Illuſtrated with ſeveral Hundred Figures, done by the beſt Artiſts, and from the trueſt Deſigns. Publiſhed Monthly. This Eighth contains many curious Treatiſes of Bloodletting, the Cures of the Diſeaſes of the Nails, and begins the Cures of thoſe of the Bones, as the Teeth, &c. With a Cut of all Sorts of Inſtruments uſed in Phlebotomy, and in the Diſeaſes of the Teeth, &c. Printed by John Nutt in the Savoy, and ſold by J. Morphew near Stationers-Hall. Where may be had the 7 preceding Months. Pr. 1 s. each. Note, Atlas Geographus for May will be publiſhed next Thurſday, in which are Two large new Maps, and Sanſon's Table of all Italy.

*** Juſt publiſhed, The Tenants Law, or the Law concerning Landlords, Tenants, and Farmers; wherein is contain'd, The Acts relating thereunto, with uſeful Obſervations, and Caſes adjudged thereupon, &c. in 12mo. Legal Proviſions for the Poor; A Treatiſe of the Common and Statute Law concerning the Poor, either as to Relief, Settlement, or Puniſhment, in 8vo. The Law concerning Tryals in Caſes of High Treaſon, Petit Treaſon, and all other Crimes and Miſdemeanors relating to the Crown, in 8vo. The new Returna Brevium, in 8vo. The Imparrial Lawyer, in 8vo. Bridgman's Conveyances, with large Additions, in Folio. All printed for J. Walthoe in the Temple-Cloyſters.

††† Mr. Madox's Hiſtory of the Exchequer of the Kings of England is in the Preſs, and will be printed with all convenient Speed. All Perſons who have not yet ſubſcribed for it, are deſired to ſend in their Subſcriptions forthwith to B. Tooke at the Temple-Gate, and R. Knaplock at the Biſhop's Head in St. Paul's Church-yard; where ſeveral printed Sheets of the Work may be ſeen. The Price to Subſcribers for the large Paper is 35 s. and for the ſmall Paper 20 s. whereof in Hand 20 s for the large, and 10 s. for the ſmall.

*** This Day is publiſhed, The Poet in Love, or, the Courting Poſt; being a Satyr on his Firſt Miſtreſs: And next Saturday will be publiſhed, The Ladies Plaything, or the Lapdog Poſt; being a Funeral Oration upon Jewel, late Lapdog to Madam-- - with an Elegy upon the ſad Occaſion of Jewel's Death; which Two Poſts continue the Second Volume of Dunton's Oracle, and are Two of thoſe 3000 that are publiſhed every Tueſday and Saturday. To each of theſe 3000 Poſts is added, The Caſuiſtical Poſt; or, Athenian Mercury, reſolving all nice and curious Queſtions. The Firſt Volume, with a General Title, Preface, and Index, will be publiſh'd in few Days at the Sword in New-ſtreet, where all nice and curious Queſtions are taken in.

NOtice is hereby given, That Mrs. Ogle's Catalogue of Goods will be drawn at Bloomſbury-market Houſe on the 13th Day of July next. It being not quite full, all Perſons that are willing to take out Tickets, are deſired to do it, at Mrs. Ogle's in Little Queen-ſtreet againſt Mountague-Houſe, or at Mr. Sedgwick's, Hair-Cutter, in the Strand.

THIS is to give notice, That Mrs. Tillman, who lived near the Nag's-Head in Red-Lion-ſtreet, Holborn, is removed to near Grays-Inn Paſſage in the ſame Street; and likewiſe her Sale of Goods will not be drawn on Monday, as was in the Advertiſements, ſhe being not quite full, but will be drawn next Monday Sevennight.

SPecifick Pills for the Rheumatiſm, for many Years experienced to be the moſt certain Remedy, either to remove or prevent a Fit of that moſt racking Malady. They have for a long Time been uſed by the Author in his own Practice, and privately diſpoſed of by divers of his particular Friends; but now firſt made publick, for the more general Benefit of Perſons ſo diſeaſed. Each ſingle Box contains Six Pills, for Six Doſes, Price 2 s. 6 d. and 5 s. the double Box, with printed Directions. To be ſold only at Mr. Gaſſin's, Bookſeller, at the Mitre againſt Chancery-Lane End in Fleet-ſtreet, and Mr. Smith's, Grocer, at the upper End of King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter.